

# Society in Its Autumn Activities

## Professions or Business Attract the Modern Girl

Many Seek Laurels on the Stage and the Screen Claims  
Others From Ranks of Ambitious Young  
Women of Society.

THE same new American spirit in the feminine rising generation that moved Miss Muriel McCormick, with the world at her feet, to combine an adventure in trade with her studies for the dramatic or operatic stage has stamped the energy of young women of New York society during the summer now just merging into autumnal change.

It is not strange that a young woman who can send a watchful mother or chaperon into a state of complete collapse and then emerge buoyant from a succession of four dances in one night should look beyond mere social athletics in trying to satisfy insatiable energy.

No wonder that such a typical girl of the new order of New York society becomes secretary to a playwright, succeeds in having a manuscript for a play accepted, takes up the professional stage or pools a six months' advance allowance with a similar fund of one of her equally ambitious feminine friends of her class in a flit in a hat shop.

"You cannot hold the girls back," said a mother who has confessed she has thrown up her hands. "I only wish the boys were similarly ambitious; but this phenomenal burst of physical and mental energy among our girls particularly seems to be primarily of the feminine gender."

"I accompanied my daughter to the last Yale 'prom,'" she went on. "She dined out, I at the hotel with some other parents, but we picked them up at the first of the series of 'trav' parties. I followed her through two others until 3 o'clock the next morning and then gave up. I could not stand."

"I said, 'My dear, I've got to go to bed.' She replied, 'Go ahead, mother dear. Don't worry about me.'"

"I did not worry about her in the least. I know her as I know many other fine girls of her class. I am not a believer in the superficiality of the modern debutante. She awoke me at 5 o'clock with the news that she had arranged with a professor she had met at one of the fraternity dances to help him adapt a play from the original Russian."

"There you are, and my daughter is typical. It makes my head swim; but, being a philosophical mother, I believe our girls are going in the right direction and will make for better life."

Further to illustrate: About 300 members of society attended a wedding reception that went into the early summer season record. In addition to conventional envious good wishes were further congratulations when the guests learned that the couple were about to finish medical courses at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. There was a romance in medicine.

Now bride and bridegroom are graduates in medicine. They were fortunate in becoming interns at the same hospital. It is their intention to follow their professions, and they will undoubtedly hang out their shingles from the imposing house that will be their future home.

This is all a phase of modern society illustrated in a marked way by other developments at the summer resorts this season. In all the arts that appeal to the larger current tastes—spoken and filmed drama, vocal and instrumental music, painting, sculpture and architecture—society stepped out into the open this summer at the resorts, and there was a pungency in the circumstances that pushed these modish amateurs forward that did not need the deft touches of the press agent.

As society from all the leading centers becomes a mingled whole in the summer time, so there is a general interest in their exploits, with New York as the hub of this social wheel of portent.

Miss Margaret (Peggy) Thayer, who, while she votes in Philadelphia, does most of her working and thinking in New York, started this summer vivacity by making it known that she would take up the professional stage. She is a daughter of Mrs. John B. Thayer of Redwood, Haverford, Pa., and Philadelphia, and sister of Miss Pauline Thayer and Mr. Frederick M. Thayer, who, in spite of active war service, succeeded in graduating from Yale in the year of the armistice.

Like many young women of New York society, including Miss Isabel Townsend Pell, Miss Thayer started her career in business in her home city, a venture that soon was followed by an announcement that she had taken over the first shop opened by Mrs. Turnbull Oelrichs, in Forty-seventh street. Her inherent energy, that has found expression in amateur theatricals among her New York counterparts in the plays of the Junior League, led her into the amateur drama. She advanced rapidly in the spoken and musical comedy until she starred in an amusing and well constructed offering in Philadelphia last January called "The Marriage Tax." Then came the news that a well known theatrical manager had made her an offer with an option of appearing in one of his new productions.

Under Mrs. Lydig Hoyt, Miss Pell kept her dramatic venture to herself until she had actually walked the boards in one of the offerings of this new season in the drama. She is a member of the cast in "Fools Errand," that opened in Maxine Elliott's Theater early in August. The news of her venture was a surprise to her friends, although she had taken some of her many relatives into her confidence. Miss Pell is a daughter of Mrs. John Cotton Smith and the late Osgood Pell, who was killed some years ago in an automobile accident. Mrs. S. Osgood Pell, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt 2d, Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, Mrs. Edward R. Thomas, Mrs. Turnbull Oelrichs, Mr. and Mrs. Juan E. Mayer and Mr. William Rhineland Stewart Jr., were among the first nighters at her debut.

A business venture had prefaced her theatrical exploit. This niece of Messrs. Stephen H. P. Pell and Theodore Roosevelt Pell, and close friend of Mrs. Lydig Hoyt, has not gone on the stage as the result of an impulsive illusion.

"I want to do something, to be actively engaged in an important and artistic field of endeavor," she said on the night of her debut. "As I have always had a strong weakness for the stage, I decided that I would take up a theatrical career—and here I am. I play the part of a maid, but I am willing to play maids for the next ten years in order to get ahead. The producers and managers of the stage and members of the cast have been very patient with me and have given me valuable instruction."

Society now will watch the professional venture career of Miss Isabel Townsend Pell as it has followed the careers of Mrs. Hoyt, Michael Strang, Mrs. Morgan Belmont and Miss Dorothy Bigelow, the gifted sister of Mrs. J. Francis A. Clark. Mrs. Hoyt has not yet announced definite dramatic plans for the new season, and society still is waiting to learn of the next steps to be taken by Mrs. Belmont and Miss Bigelow.

If it may be said in truth that society in its present mood cannot be taken by surprise by anything that happens to members of its order, Miss Polly Blaine Damrosch stirred anew the agitated surface of fashionable waters by announcing that she also had decided on a professional stage career. That also came with the teeming midsummer weeks. Neither is Miss Damrosch, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Damrosch and granddaughter of the late James G. Blaine, statesman and twice Secretary of State, moved by any fascinating fantasies of life or illusive self-conceit. She is well equipped by temperament, education and personal appearance for the stage.

Miss Damrosch got first into the silent dramatic news a few weeks ago by playing the role of a vamp in a melodramatic movie at Bar Harbor. As Paula the Vamp, playing next to Jim Douglas, villain (Mr. Warwick Potter Scott, son of Mrs. Edgar Scott of Woodburne, Lansdowne, Pa.), Miss Damrosch started her professional life in a film called "Tangled Hearts," that promises to become part of the regimen of movie fans, and in this exploit not only members of her immediate social circle but of her family collaborated.

In making her debut in the silent drama Miss Damrosch, who played the star part, was aided not only by her sisters but by her father, who had parts in the play. "Tangled Hearts" was written by Mrs. Thomas Knight Finletter, sister of the star, and Mr. Edgar Scott, older brother of Warwick. Dispatches bringing the news of the first showing in the first week of this month in Bar Harbor did not mention that the villain also contemplates essaying the dramatic stage. The films were made by the D. W. Griffith studios and some of the scenes of the melodramatic picture were filmed in Bar Harbor.

In addition to Miss Damrosch and the Messrs. Scott, Mr. Walter Damrosch, Mrs. H. Pleasant Pennington, who was Alice Damrosch, and a member of the old New York family of the name, who married Miss Christina Davenport Sedgwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sedgwick. Their marriage in Stockbridge on September 9 was one of the brilliant episodes of the Berkshire season and took place in a scene of exceptional artistic beauty originated and carried out by Miss Marie O. Kobbe, Miss Lydia Field Emmet, Mrs. Newman K. Perry and Mrs. Theodore Sedgwick.

Midsummer honors of the film were not all to the women. There was Mr. John Philip Marquand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marquand and a member of the old New York family of the name, who married Miss Christina Davenport Sedgwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Sedgwick. Their marriage in Stockbridge on September 9 was one of the brilliant episodes of the Berkshire season and took place in a scene of exceptional artistic beauty originated and carried out by Miss Marie O. Kobbe, Miss Lydia Field Emmet, Mrs. Newman K. Perry and Mrs. Theodore Sedgwick.

## Fashionable Colony Divided Between City and Country



MRS. GERALD VANDERBILT HOLLINS.

## Women Arrange Many Parties to Welcome Bankers

Luncheons, Teas and Ball  
Among Events During Com-  
ing Convention.

Various subcommittees of the women's reception committee for the forty-eighth annual convention of the American Bankers Association at the Commodore Hotel from October 2 to 6 have been organized, and with the arrival of Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow from Europe last Sunday final arrangements for the big week have been made.

Mrs. Morrow is chairman of the reception committee and also of the women's executive committee. Other members of the latter are Misses George F. Baker, Jr., Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., James A. Burden, Arthur A. Fowler, Charles D. Norton, Harold I. Pratt, John T. Pratt, Charles H. Sablin, Reeve Schley, Leland Stillman, George Whitney and William Woodward, Miss Jean A. Reid and Miss Ruth V. Twombly.

The program includes a ball at the Commodore on October 5, a fashion show and tea at the Plaza on October 3, an excursion to West Point, several large theater parties and also on October 5 a hostess day, when thirty-five New York women will open their homes to entertain guests of the convention at luncheons to be served simultaneously in their homes. The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Museum of Natural History will extend special courtesies to the visitors. Mrs. William Woodward is honorary chairman of the hostess day, with Mrs. Harold I. Pratt as acting chairman.

October 4 will be club day. The Colony, Cosmopolitan, Women's City, Women's National Republican and the Women's University clubs will welcome the bankers' wives and women bank officers, supporting the latter can spare time from the convention sessions for such festivities. At the Colony Club tea will be served. Mrs. James A. Burden will be chairman of club day, with Mrs. Arthur Woods as vice-chairman. Walter Phelps Bliss, William Pierson Hamilton, Walter Douglas, Edward C. Delano, Thomas W. Lamont, E. Henry Harriman, Otto H. Kahn, William F. Jewell, Morgan, Willard D. Straight, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Felix M. Warburg, A. Perry Osborn, Acosta Nichols, Carl Tucker, W. Emory Roosevelt, John T. Pratt, Harold I. Pratt, Frederic D. Phillips, Charles D. Horton, George F. Baker, Jr., Joseph E. Davis, J. Horace Harding, Walter B. James, Alvin W. Derby, William Shippen Davis, Joseph E. Davis, Arthur O. Choate, Guy Fairfax Cary, Lydig Hoyt, Charles A. Lindley, Seward Prosser, Henry Potter Russell and Miss Nancy Fay, Mrs. Reeve Schley is chairman of the fashion show.



MISS ELIZABETH ROBBINS CASWELL, DAUGHTER OF MRS. JOHN CASWELL OF NEW YORK AND MRS. WILLIAM F. G. HARDING, MARRIED SEPT. 7TH AT BEVERLY FARM, MASS.

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## Autumn Days Make Country Weddings Choice of Brides

Ceremonies in Small Churches, Brightened by Colored  
Foliage, Are Followed by Receptions on Country  
Estates—Personnel of Bridal Parties Announced.

BRIDES are holding the center of the social stage just now; a little later they will give way to the debutantes, but just now they are claiming all of the attention, for September and October have always been popular months for weddings, and this year is no exception. Dinners and dances and other entertainments are given in their honor, and wherever one goes the conversation naturally drifts to the coming brides and their trousseaus. Nearly all of the weddings are out of town, in quaint little country churches, which make ideal settings for the costumes of the bride and her attendants, and just large enough to accommodate the members of the two families and a few intimate friends, but are followed by large receptions at nearby estates of the bride's parents.

Miss Eleanor Huntington Francke, who is descended from Washington Irving through her grandmother, Mrs. Charles R. Huntington, will be one of the interesting brides of the month. She will be married on Saturday in Trinity Church, Hewlett, L. I., to Mr. Joseph Gould Remick, son of Mr. Joseph Remick of Boston. A reception will follow the ceremony at the home of Miss Francke's uncle, Mr. E. Irving Huntington, at Hewlett. Miss Francke is a daughter of Mrs. Lansley Tappin and

a great granddaughter of Daniel Huntington, the portrait painter. She will be attended by her sister, Mrs. George W. Van Sicken, and Mrs. Martin W. Littleton, Jr., as matrons of honor and the Misses Helen Johnson, Mary Osgood Field, Ruth Wade, Margaret Wallace, Virginia Sterry, Josephine Flood and Christine Crane and Mrs. Harvey Childs of Pittsburgh. Mr. Remick, who is a nephew of the late William H. Remick, who was president of the New York Stock Exchange, will have Mr. Jean Jacques Bertschmann for his best man. His ushers will include Messrs. Robert Phillips, Wallace Orr, Milton Doyle, Bernard Baruch, Jr., Lloyd Byers and Franklin Nichols.

Another large out of town wedding will be that of Miss Jean Fletcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fletcher of 69 Park avenue. She will be married to Mr. Harrison Gardner Reynolds of Boston in the little Episcopal Church of St. John at Lattingtown, near Glen Cove, L. I., where her parents have a country home, the Willows, and where a large reception will be held after the ceremony. Mr. Reynolds is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Murray Reynolds of Boston and Readville, Mass.

In town on Saturday, Mrs. Margaret Forester Andrew Jones, widow of Philip Hone Le Roy Jones, will be married to Mr. Charles Russell MacGregor. The

## Dance for Charity on New Italian Steamship

A dance in the saloon of the Julio Cesare, one of the newest transatlantic liners, on the evening of October 5 at Pier 57, North River, at Fifty-first street, will be one of the novel incidents of the early fall. It is being given in behalf of the Villa Margiotta, an orphanage on the Genoese coast that cares for the children of Italian sailors who died in the war and is under the patronage of the Grand Admiral of the Italian Royal Navy, Count Paolo de Revel. Mrs. Robert Abel, Mrs. Umberto Molino, Judge F. X. Mancuso, Miss Louise Cavallo, Dr. John W. Peirce, Miss Sylvia C. Savarese, Miss Marie Cantasano, Peter McDonnell, Mr. Dominic A. Truist, Mrs. George Evans, Mr. Charles F. Baruch, Jr., and Mrs. Charles F. Baruch, Jr., will be the hosts for the evening. The ship will be decorated in the Venetian fete style. The host will be Jules I. V. Behar of the American representatives of the Navigazione Generale Italiana.

On the committee also are Mr. Whitney Warren, Mrs. John A. Drake, the Marchesa Asinari di Bernezzo, Italian military attaché at Washington, Capt. F. Chialeri, Italian naval attaché at Washington; Senator Salvatore Cottillo, Mrs. Joseph Paterno, Mr. Pasquale Margarella, Miss Margherita de Vecchi, Mrs. Robert Abel, Mrs. Umberto Molino, Mrs. Antonio Stella, Mrs. James Carnevali, Mrs. Samuel Flore, Col. Morricio Sorrali, Mr. James F. Francese, Miss Rose Andre, Miss Evelyn Raffetto, Judge F. X. Mancuso, Miss Louise Cavallo, Dr. John W. Peirce, Miss Sylvia C. Savarese, Miss Marie Cantasano, Peter McDonnell, Mr. Dominic A. Truist, Mrs. George Evans, Mr. Charles F. Baruch, Jr., and Mrs. Charles F. Baruch, Jr., will be the hosts for the evening. The ship will be decorated in the Venetian fete style. The host will be Jules I. V. Behar of the American representatives of the Navigazione Generale Italiana.

## Annual Victory Ball To Be Held November 10

The annual Victory ball will be held this year November 10 at the Waldorf-Astoria. The dance will be on Armistice day and will be given by the New York county organization of the American Legion. Mr. Harold L. Downey will be the chairman. Behind the ball stand 130 posts in New York county and 11,000 Legionnaires. The posts represented and to be called upon include the Knickerbocker Club Post, the Union Post (the Union Club), the 107th Infantry Post (the old Seventh Regiment), the Murray Hill Post, Squadron A Post (the 105th Machine Gun Battalion), the Greenwich Village Post, the Canaaners Post, the New York Athletic Post, the Jane A. Delano Post, which is the nurses' post, and has the support of many prominent women of New York, and the Gen. Lafayette Police Post, which is 825 men strong, the banner post of all in the county. The ball is to be for the benefit of disabled, sick, unemployed and destitute men who went to the war.

## Autumn Colony at Hot Springs Uses the Bridle Trails

Riding Through Mountains  
Rivals Golf in Popularity  
With New Arrivals.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
HOT SPRINGS, Va., Sept. 23.—Autumn has arrived and with it in this Allegheny Valley, comes the assurance of a glittering season. During this period New York is specially represented, and during the week the colony from that city received a number of additions. Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Schmidpall came down early in the week and on Tuesday drove to Fassinferm Farm for luncheon. They were accompanied by Mr. T. Edward Hamilton of Baltimore, who went on horseback. Mr. and Mrs. James H. Morgan, arrivals of the week from New York, went to Fassinferm for luncheon on Wednesday and drove back through Backus and Dunn's Gales.

Col. and Mrs. H. A. C. de Rubio of New York, who have been in Fassinferm the past fortnight, rode in on Wednesday for luncheon with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fisher Ball of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Salvador Ros, here from New York on their honeymoon, rode out on the picturesque inn on the Jackson River on Wednesday for tea. Mr. and Mrs. James W. Wallace, who arrived last week from New York on their honeymoon, are among those riding daily. Miss Esther Zabriskie, who came in on Wednesday from New York with her aunt, Miss E. K. Ryerson, is always a notable rider here. Mrs. Terah Haggin, who has her own stable here, gave a dinner at the White Cottage on Tuesday. Her guests including the Baron and Baroness Rosenkrantz, Mrs. Charles Maure Clark, Miss Margaret Brown and the Messrs. William F. R. Hitt and Henry O. Tallmadge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyndford M. Dickinson came down from New York for a week's visit and registered at the clubhouse for golf. Judge John W. Tierney is here from New York and plays over the long course with Judge Richard P. Lydon. Dr. Leighton Parks, rector of St. Bartholomew's, is another member of the New York colony here daily at golf.

Mrs. Brite C. Shirley has left for New York after five months here. Her daughter, Mrs. Marshall H. Russell, and Mr. Russell are to arrive in October for part of the autumn season.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Powers arrived at the Homestead during the week from New York, also Mr. and Mrs. Howard Page, Mr. and Mrs. Howard V. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Deolger, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Leonard, Mrs. John L. Adams, Miss Margaret Stavert and the Messrs. Douglas T. Johnston, Warren A. Mayon, C. M. Burnett, Jr., and H. Van Kampen.

## Coolidge Music Temple Fete to End Lenox Season

Five Hundred Invitations Issued for Series of Five  
Concerts.

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LENOX, Mass., Sept. 23.

THE climax of the season's entertainments in the Berkshires Hills will come next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 28, 29 and 30, when Mrs. Frederick S. Coolidge is to give her fifth annual music festival at her temple of music on South Mountain, Pittsfield. She has issued 500 invitations to each of the five concerts and has engaged the parlors and ballroom of the Maplewood Hotel for the final reception to visiting musicians on Saturday evening.

The festival will open on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock with a concert by the Wendling String Quartet of Stuttgart, which will appear in this country for the first time. Mrs. Coolidge is to play the piano in the Brahms program of the second concert Friday. The other performers at that time will be Mrs. Pablo Casals, soprano; George Hamlin, tenor; Felix Salmond, cello; Mabel Beddoe, contralto; Boris Saslavski, baritone; Ernest Hutcheson, piano; Georges Grisev, clarinet; Hugo Kortschak, viola.

The third concert on Friday morning will be given by the New York trio, Clarence Adler, piano; Scipione Guidi, violin; Cornelius Van Vleet, cello. The string quartet of the San Francisco Chamber Music Society will give the fourth concert on Saturday morning and that afternoon the Wendling quartet, assisted by Ernest Hutcheson, piano, will play Leo Weiner's string quartet in F sharp minor, which won Mrs. Coolidge's \$1,000 prize this year for the best quartet composition submitted in worldwide competition.

The annual arts and crafts exhibit held last three days at Sedgwick Hall in Lenox by the Lenox Library Association attracted many of the autumn colony. Beautiful specimens of art and the handiwork of some of the most prominent Lenox and Stockbridge cottagers were shown. The exhibit was classified and arranged by Miss Edith Fitch, librarian.

The poetic piece of sculpture by Mr. Daniel Chester French which was shown at the Stockbridge exhibition under the caption of "A Berkshire Field Stone" was sold this week to the Lenox Library of Waterbury, Conn., for \$1,000. Mr. George Evans Turnure of New York is financing the new \$50,000 clubhouse to be built by the Lenox Brotherhood on the site of the present brotherhood home in Walker street.

Mr. Henry N. Teague, lessee and manager of the Greylock Hotel at Williamstown, has announced for ten years the new Miramar Hotel to be opened at Miami, Fla., the first of the year. Arrivals at the Greylock include Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rufus Kipp, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Cushing, Messrs. Ronald and James Cushing, Mr. and Mrs. George Richards, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Canoro, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Perry, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell T. Tyne, Mrs. Edward A. Olds, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fullerton and Mrs. Henry H. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lippincott, Mrs. E. V. Douglas and Miss Douglas of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. J. Kenyon Warren of New York at 54 is one of the most active visitors of the autumn at the Curtis Hotel. She has many friends in the Lenox colony and is a frequent guest at dinners and luncheons. Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. B. Freelinghyusen and family of Morristown, N. J., who were at the Curtis, took a side trip on Tuesday to the Eastern States Exposition at Scranton, Pa., and Mrs. Schuyler Butler were there a portion of the week when en route from Poland Springs, N. H., to New York. Among Mrs. H. Remond Whitehouse, who has been spending three months with her mother, Mrs. Henry Bigelow Williams, at the Aspinwall Hotel in Lenox, is now visiting Jav. and Mrs. J. Henry Whitehouse of the Lenox, N. Y., before she sails next Wednesday to join Mr. Whitehouse at San Remo, Italy, where he is engaged in literary work. Mrs. Henry H. Norman of Washington, D. C., who are just back from England, have joined Mrs. M. E. Norman at the Aspinwall. Among others there are Mrs. Dwight Arvan Jones, Mrs. Henry A. Patton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Philip Easton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Pogram, Mr. and Mrs. I. Downey, Mrs. Stephen C. Millett, Miss Mary Church, to Mr. Donald Mitchell Weston of Pittsfield at St. James Episcopal Church in Great Barrington on Saturday evening, October 7, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Weston is a paper manufacturer of Dalton and he is the son of the late Lieut. Gov. Byron Weston of Massachusetts.

Mrs. John Innes Kane of New York may open her villa for the late season. Dr. and Mrs. William Norton Bullard of Boston will arrive from Europe next week to spend October at Highwood.